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OBSERVATIONS ON POPULATION MOVEMENT IN CYPRUS

1. State Airgram A-374 from Nicosia, dated 11 May 1964 encloses statistics showing the movement of Turkish Cypriot refugees into areas of concentration. Not all of this movement was voluntary -- seeking safety -- some was forced by the Turkish-Cypriot leadership. The ~~ext~~ similarity of these areas of concentration to the areas suggested as cantons in January 1964 is noteworthy.

2. A map showing these cantons, was enclosed with A-2090 from London, February 24, 1964. The boundaries shown were quite carefully drawn, in some places making turns to exclude or include particular villages, but in other places raising questions as to why they weren't extended. On the whole the map appears to be a fairly conservative attempt to establish cantons from areas with a fairly strong Turkish Cypriot representation.

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Why was the proposal

withdrawn the following day? Did they consider that such a plan was unattainable or unworkable? Or was this a slip -- in reality the revelation of planning? The proposal that was substituted called for partition with

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the northern third of the island going to Turkey. Yet when Turkish Cypriot refugees left their homes they did not in fact tend to move so as to establish a de facto situation with all or almost all Turkish Cypriots in the northern third of the island. Instead they moved into what fairly closely resembles the canton proposal.

25X1A 3. has suggested the Turkish Cypriots would break away and set up their own administration for Turkish areas, and appoint governors (plural). Does this mean they are still thinking in terms of cantons? Was the January cantonal proposal in fact a real slip which indicated fairly thorough Turkish-Cypriot planning? If Inonu talks with Johnson is this going to be his demand?

4. There have been evacuations from some villages near the boundary of the cantons and from the villages where Greeks were in the majority. This may just be refinement of the idea. A line can thus be drawn which better conforms to the existing situation.

5. One must remember that, although these are areas of Turkish Cypriot concentration they contain a lot of Greek Cypriots. In fact, in some areas the Greek Cypriots outnumber the Turks. What would happen to the Greek Cypriots?

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